

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Attorney Docket No.  
21666-1

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHODS AND APPARATUS TO FACILITATE ORTHODONTIC ALIGNMENT OF TEETH**, the specification of which:

(check one) ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) or (f) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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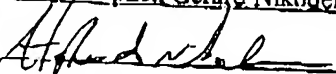
\_\_\_\_ Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.

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